

UNION AND AMERICAN.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1874.

GEN. WILLIAM A. QUARLES has returned from Athens, East Tennessee, whither he went for the purpose of taking depositions in the Bank of Tennessee case.

THE NEW YORK SUN argues that the present army of the United States is about double what it should be, if 4,000 troops can be detailed to Louisiana for partisan purposes.

LOGAN H. ROOTS, of notorious memory, says: "If the Republican party refuses to restore their friends in Arkansas to power, it will not get a single electoral vote in the South at the next Presidential election." This argument, we are told, is being freely used, with but little apparent effect, upon Republican Congressmen.

"CONGRESS cannot too soon take up the question of devaluing means to increase the revenue," says the New York Times. It is not an inviting field to which these would-be reformers invite a long-suffering people. When a million men are out of work in the North, and financial depression reigns everywhere, it is no time for increasing Federal taxation.

UNDER the proposed plan of retiring one million greenbacks a month, it would take over two years to retire the twenty-six million lastly issued in last year's panic without any authority of law, by a frightened Secretary. The process of reaching specie by such a contraction of greenbacks would be a slow enough to please the most confirmed opponent of a ringing gold and silver currency.

It is an administration organ, the Chicago Tribune, which informs us, that while prominent Republicans favor an investigation of the speculative business, they voted against it last week merely because it was a Democratic bill. Mr. Beck, who offered the resolution calling for it. Contrast this with the votes of Beck and other Democrats, the same day, for an investigation of the Vicksburg troubles, and the reader will appreciate the difference between the noble old party spirit and modern Radical partisanship. The one embodies the other debases.

WHEN Gov. W. W. Holden was deposed by the North Carolina Senate, in 1871, he was also disqualified from holding any State office for all time to come. A bill is now pending before the Legislature to relieve him of this disability. Whether he can be so relieved is a nice constitutional question. The action of the Senate, the Chief Justice presiding, was a judicial sentence, and as such can hardly be set aside by merely legislative action. In an analogous case in our State, this difficulty was avoided by a Constitutional Convention, removing the disabilities of Judge Frazier.

SOME twelve years ago Bishop Colenso, of Natal, created quite a stir in the religious world by publishing his peculiar views of the Mosai narrative in the Zetland. A few Sundays ago Bishop Colenso, of Natal, created quite a stir in the religious world by publishing his peculiar views of the Mosai narrative in the Zetland. A few Sundays ago Bishop Colenso, of Natal, created quite a stir in the religious world by publishing his peculiar views of the Mosai narrative in the Zetland.

A WASHINGTON correspondent of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican sends this gossip: "Carl Schurz is growing in the respect of the politicians just now. The leading Democratic Congressmen, including prominent Confederate Generals, are urging the Bourbon Democratic Legislature of Missouri to re-elect him to the Senate, while members of Grant's Cabinet and Republican Congressmen want to offer him the Russian mission."

We still have hope that some loyal son of Tennessee may bear off the latter prize. It was rumored at one time that it had been offered to Gen. Maney of this city. The latest information, however, is that Hon. Wm. H. Wisner, of Bedford, may be the lucky man, and there are straws in the wind that blow in his direction. For instance, one blustering old day last week, the Bedford statesman was detected on the northern terrace of the Capitol, with his overcoat flung open, inspiring the bitter northern blast. A critical friend inquired if he was "blazing" for St. Petersburg, to which he did not reply, but hastily buttoned up his flying overcoat to the chin, and moved majestically away.

The high estimate which we placed upon the work entitled the "Resources of Tennessee," by J. B. Kilbreth, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, upon its first appearance, has been confirmed in America and Europe. A few days since we learned that portions of the work were being translated and published in Bern, Switzerland, and more recently we have seen a letter from a prominent English gentleman to a citizen of Nashville, who forwarded to him a copy of the work as an answer to some inquiries from which we are permitted to make the following extract:

"London, Dec. 7, 1874.—Dear Sir: Your very kind favor came duly to hand, accompanied by 'Resources of Tennessee,' a most excellent and interesting work. I am at a loss to know how adequately to thank you and Mr. Kilbreth for it. I owe you an apology for not acknowledging its receipt sooner, but must plead press of engagements. I have read much of the work already and look upon it as a mine of information, and of a character that must bring much money to your great State. Public sentiment, by popularizing human labor within your borders, will live here this wedge of prosperity, for I predict that it will be instrumental in inducing millions and millions of capital that will make glad your waste places. As you said, it answers my questions fully and places me under many obligations to you. I trust time and opportunity will afford me the pleasure of reciprocating."

THE COTTON SITUATION.

In Sunday's UNION AND AMERICAN we copied a remarkable article from the New York Sun—remarkable in two respects: first, on account of its wide vagaries and reckless statements; second, because it charges "manducation, wilful and for a purpose," upon the entire Southern community. The writer sharpens his scalping-knife and goes for the Agricultural Bureau, first, and, after raising the hair of that unfortunate concern, proceeds to dissect the Cotton Exchanges and their correspondents. He charges boldly that in September a "killing" began to manipulate cotton, and that the Agricultural Bureau was actively engaged in furthering their interest; but the great and good Sun gave timely notice of its existence in October, and hence the world at large should have been on the qui vive, and not been hurt by this unrighteous combination.

The Sun proceeds to give the estimates of July and August made by the Bureau to show how grossly incorrect they are, ignoring completely the estimates of November made after the improvement by the favorable fall weather has been ascertained. This we reproduce below to show that the estimate was correct, or as nearly so as could be made at that time, viz:

	Nov. 7.	Oct. 71.	Nov. 72.
South Carolina	82	82	82
Georgia	82	82	82
Florida	82	82	82
Alabama	82	82	82
Mississippi	82	82	82
Arkansas	82	82	82
Louisiana	82	82	82
Texas	82	82	82
North Carolina	82	82	82
Virginia	82	82	82
West Virginia	82	82	82
Delaware	82	82	82
Maryland	82	82	82
District of Columbia	82	82	82
Illinois	82	82	82
Indiana	82	82	82
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Arizona	82	82	82
New Mexico	82	82	82
Colorado	82	82	82
Nevada	82	82	82
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Oregon	82	82	82
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It will be seen from the foregoing table that the crop averages are materially improved in the period between the two reports, but not more so than the extraordinary conditions of the picking season would have justified in anticipating.

Taking the figures given above, upon the basis of the crop of '73-'74, we have the following table:

	Nov. 71.	Nov. 72.
South Carolina	82	82
Georgia	82	82
Florida	82	82
Alabama	82	82
Mississippi	82	82
Arkansas	82	82
Louisiana	82	82
Texas	82	82
North Carolina	82	82
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West Virginia	82	82
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Another estimate was made in November by Mr. May, of New Orleans, who is considered as the most thoughtful, calm and industrious compiler of crop statistics in the South, and who says: "We estimate Arkansas 25 per cent. less than last year, Tennessee 35 to 40 per cent. short, North Alabama and Mississippi average 20 per cent. short, Georgia and the Carolinas 10 per cent. short, Florida 10 per cent. short, Texas and Louisiana 10 per cent. short, South Alabama 20 per cent. short, Texas (he continues) is nearly as good as last year. In the middle and northwest portion it is considerable short of last year." These estimates, it will be seen, approximate very closely, especially when we consider the average as compared with last year.

Taking Texas and Louisiana in the above estimate, and it will be seen that the loss of acreage is 20 per cent. in the latter, which will counterbalance the increase and be very close to the first estimate given.

We presume that the Sun would not dare to charge that the drought was gotten up by the Agricultural Bureau and Cotton Exchanges and that it is simply a fiction. If a drought occurred, then the natural result would have been to hasten the maturing of the crop; and that this was so is seen from the crop movement instanced by him. The receipts in September of this year were greater than for any since the war, except '72-'73. We give the figures:

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